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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CLOSES WORK FOR YEAR

Transacts Business Preliminary to Annual College Meeting

Fixed Date of Annual Fall Elections at December 15th.

Made an Additional Appropriation for Commencement Baseball Game.

Awarded Football "H"s.

Made Alumni Nominations for the Council.

These were the most important acts of the Executive Council at a session Monday evening which practically closed the work of the 1914-15 board. The members were at work till after 9 o'clock, President Frank H. Wood of the Student Association presiding

After the date for the annual fall meeting in Commons had been fixed, Alumni members to the next Council were nominated according to regular practice. The meeting on December 15 will be a dinner at 6 o'clock at which the election of the three Faculty and three Student members of the Executive Council will be elected, as well as the Manager and Assistant Manager of Football and Assistant Manager of Musical Clubs. Other business may come before the meeting.

Alumni Nominations

The following nominations of Alumni for places on the Council will be mailed to Alumni for a vote, the result of which will be announced at the College meeting: Joseph Rudd '90, Clinton; Rev. Willard P. Soper '04, Clinton; Richard U. Sherman '05, Utica; Stanley E. Gilbert '07, Utica; Paul B. Williams '08, Utica; Ernest H. Roberts '13, Utica. Three of these men will be chosen to the Council.

Manager Nichols of Football submitted a report showing the eligibility record of 14 men on the football squad for "H" awards, as follows: 1916, Pope, M. Gow, W. Gow, Griffith, Ogilvie, Paige; 1917, Bristol, Captain Dayton, Emeny, J. A. Jones, Lyon; 1918, Huntsman, Schwartz; 1919, McLean. Of these all but four had won their letter previously, W. Gow, '16, Jones, Lyon '17, McLean '19.

Manager Donohue of Baseball brought the matter of securing a Commencement game with Colgate on the Hill for Commencement Week, and was instructed to bring the Maroon here if possible.

He desires to have the game Saturday, but was not certain of being able to schedule Colgate. The Council granted an additional appropriation of $30 which will be used above the usual guarantee to bring some other team here for that date.

TAFT SAYS ROOT IS BEST EQUIPPED

Is Former President Taft's Choice for Chief Executive in 1916

Former President William H. Taft has declared his positive support of Elihu Root '64 for the Presidency, and says he will push his candidacy wherever possible, according to the New York Tribune:

"I believe Mr. Root is the best equipped man in the country for the Presidency, and I have said so ever since I had the first opportunity to judge of his qualifications," said Mr. Taft. "There is no uncertainty about my attitude. I have expressed my opinion of Mr. Root every time I have had a chance, and I intend to express it as often as I can. I believe he is the best man in sight."

The ex-President made it plain that so far as he could wield influence without taking an active part in the campaign he would be for Root from now on.

TO HEAR BILLY SUNDAY

Fifty Men and Several Faculty Members Going Thursday

A large delegation of Hamilton men will go to Syracuse to hear Billy Sunday preach Thursday evening, the trip being arranged by the Y. M. C. A. Some members of the Faculty have already announced their intention of going with the students and more will probably do so.

A special round trip rate of $1.50 for the trip via special car has been arranged. Fully fifty men will make the trip starting from Clinton at 4 p. m. and returning after the evening service. Good seats have been reserved for the delegation.

FOR THE SHERMAN STATUE

Contributions are being received from friends of the late James S. Sherman '78, Vice-President of the United States, for the erection of a statue in his memory in Utica. One of the latest gifts was for $50 from former Attorney-General George W. Wickersham; another of $25 came from Congressman W. B. McKinley, of Illinois.

STRING QUARTET CONCERT

Dr. A. P. Saunders announces that a string quartet concert will be given on Saturday, December 11, with Miss Littlehales and Miss North, of the Olive Mead Quartet, assisting. Further notic next week.

—The German Club will meet Friday night with Dr. Brandt.

Dr. F. H. WOOD ELECTED TO SHERMAN CHAIR

Professorship in Memory of Late Vice-President Awarded --- Based on $60,000 Foundation.

ELIHU ROOT, '64, AT MEETING : SAMUEL H. ADAMS, '91, CHAIRMAN

To Dr. Frank Hoyt Wood, since 1902 P. V. Rogers Professor in American History, has fallen the signal honor to first occupy the new chair of Political Science created by the James Schoolcraft Sherman Memorial Foundation. Action to this effect was taken Saturday night at the Library by a special committee of the Trustees, Samuel Hopkins Adams '91, Chairman. Hon. Elihu Root '64, close friend of the late Vice-President, took an active part in the proceedings.

Foundation of $60,000

The chair which embodies for all time the fame and loyalty of James Schoolcraft Sherman '78, in the traditions of the College, was established by order of the Board of Trustees in June, with the formal acceptance of gifts amounting close to $60,000 from friends in and out of Congress who had known and respected Mr. Sherman. A special committee was appointed at the fall Trustees' Meeting with power to act in selecting the professor who should fill the chair, and in reorganizing the scope of the department.

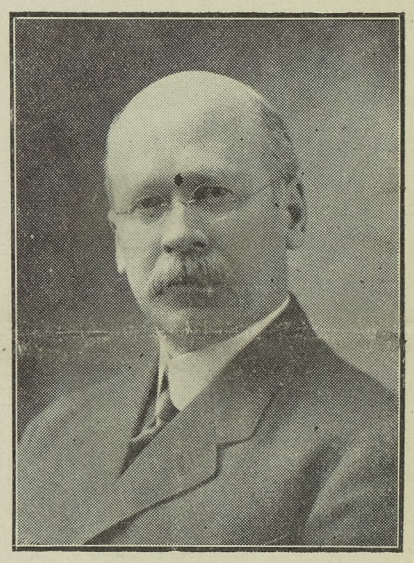
Elihu Root '64, President Stryker '72, and Charles B. Rogers '87, acting in conjunction with the members of the Instruction and Government Committee, have been at work since the October meeting of the Board. Besides Mr. Adams, these men are: Dr. A. S. Hoyt '72, President of Auburn Seminary; Judge Abel E. Blackmar '74, of Brooklyn; Hon. Frederick W. Griffith '86, of Palmyra; former State Senator; and Henry Murray Andrews '99, of New York.

Dr. Hoyt was present at a preliminary meeting in Utica, and Judge Blackmar was absent thru illness.

The Sherman Professor

The man who has been placed into the honor and dignity of the Sherman Professorship has continuously proved himself a brilliant, faithful educator. Dr. Wood has won the student body to deep friendship, not by any conscious effort, but by the great affection of his nature, and his fair-minded understanding of student problems.

He came to Hamilton in 1902 to take the P. V. Rogers chair of American History. He has degrees from Syracuse University, where he received an A. B. in 1891 and an A. M. in 1894; from Harvard, an A. B. in 1892; and from Leipzig, in 1900, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He was student of History and Economics at Harvard from 1891 to 1893, Master in History at Worcester Academy, 1894-98; Student in History, Leipzig, 1898-1900; taking up his professorship here in 1902. He is a member of the American Historical Association and of the American Political Science Association.



Dr. Frank H. Wood

May Have Fourth Professor

Consequent to the foundation of the new chair, the Trustees have set about enlarging the work of the department of History and Political Science. Profs. Frederick M. Davenport and Edwin L. Clarke are now associated in this department, and it is proposed to add a fourth professorship of General History. The Publius V. Rogers chair, now vacated by Dr. Wood, will remain unoccupied until the committee takes further action. Dr. Davenport will continue as Maynard-Knox Professor of Law, Politics and Economics, and Prof. Clarke as Assistant Professor in the department.

Dr. Murray Wrong, a noted Canadian educator formerly of Toronto, now of Magdalene College, Oxford, was for a time under consideration for the Rogers chair, but his recent aceptance of duties at Oxford where he will engage in research connected with the war, has made it impossible to bring him here.

May Increase Fund

The total amount of the Memorial Fund at present is about $60,000, and it is likely that it will be further increased. The list of contributors has

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE NOW MORE FLEXIBLE

Says Henry T. Claus in Boston Transcript. Closer Relations Being Held With High Schools—Quotes Hamilton Figures.

Henry T. Claus, writing in the Boston Transcript, says there is no falling off in college enrollments this year. He has made a table of 60 representative institutions from which he has a report of record enrollments, material growth, and higher scholarship standards.

Colleges are striving to remove "unnatural barriers" between the high school and matriculation, he says, commenting on entrance requirements.

"The day of the old-fashioned inflexible college entrance examination is passing; in fact it is not wholly incorrect to say that it has passed," he affirms. "Harvard, Yale and Princeton have entrusted some of their admission tests to the College Entrance Examination Board; Dartmouth has an officer whose sole duty it is to effect cordial relations with the secondary schools of New Hampshire, and New Hampshire College has opened its doors to the holder of a diploma from any accredited high school in the state."

In his enrollment statistics he quotes Hamilton among others. Here is a partial list:

Name of College	1915	1914
Amherst	420	416
Bowdoin	399	397
Clark	171	150
Colby	452	449
Colgate	563	515
Hamilton	187	185
Middlebury	343	337
Trinity	236	248
University of Rochester	530	495
Wesleyan	498	459
Williams	512	490

TO INDIA AS MISSIONARY

Dr. Charles F. Stube '10, pastor of the Hyde Park Reformed Church of East Orange, N. J., has been temporarily transferred by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church to Tindavanan, India, where he will be Principal of the Christian Mission Schools. Dr. Stube's home is in Fonda, but for about a year he has been in East Orange. He will leave for India January 1st.

—Rexford W. Titus '10 was recently appointed clerk of the City Court at Binghamton by City Judge H. L. Hart. A petition in his behalf was presented to Judge Hart signed by a large number of voters.

—On the "Committee of One Thousand" on national defense, appointed by Mayor Mitchell of New York City, appear the names oftwo Hamilton men: Edward M. Bassett '84, and Henry H. Benedict '69.

—Previous to the Williamsburg factory fire, when twelve people were burned to death, Frederick H. Cunningham '99, of New York, figured as prosecuting attorney in the action to force the owners to make the factory fireproof.

—On November 3 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Carroll, Jr., of Scranton, Pa. Mr. Carroll is of the class of 1906 and his son is a candidate for 1933.

Hobo Poet Author of 'I'm a Bum-Bum'

Hillstrom, I. W. W. Agitator, Wrote Song Popular in College for a Decade

When Dr. Stryker, two years ago, declared emphatically against that well-known melody, "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum-Bum," he probably did not know that the real author of the song was Joseph Hillstrom, the I. W. W. agitator who was recently shot for murder in Utah. The Hill men did not contrive the ballad. "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum-Bum" is one of a number of songs written by Hillstrom, who was generally known as Joe Hill, the "Hobo Poet."

Tho the song can scarcely be classed as a supreme effort, and tho the hymn tune to which it was set had never before been used as a march, Hillstrom inserted a swing which soon made it the national anthem of the knights of the dusty highway.

The ballad spread rapidly among colleges and in some manner was introduced on the Hill, where it was exceedingly popular during the last decade. No College smoker, banquet, or song-fest of any description was complete without at least one rendering of it. In the fal lof 1913, at the Y. M. C. A. reception to the incoming Freshmen, "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum-Bum" was rendered with all the skill and vigor that the song requires. Dr. Stryker, who was a speaker at the reception, expressed deep objection to the singing of the song. "Hallelujah," in the Hebrew means simply "glory to God," he said, and to "praise God that you are a bum is hardly in accord with finer sensibilities."

—Plans are being made in Utica for the erection of a monument to the late Vice-President James S. Sherman '78. The funds for the statue will be secured from the many friends he possessed not only in Central New York but all over the country.

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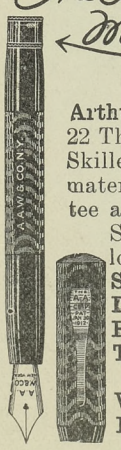

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EDITORIAL.

Dr. Wood in the New Professorship.

Fitting in the extreme is the choice made by the Special Committee of the Trustees in awarding the James Schoolcraft Sherman chair to Dr. Frank H. Wood. The event is in itself notable in College annals, linking the name of a great Alumnus to the College as the gift of the Root bust linked us to Elihu Root.

Nothing could have been more in keeping with the life-long friendship of Mr. Root and James S. Sherman, than that he who survived take an active part in setting up this keen prism of memory in the College which both knew and loved. President Stryker, too, whose great affection for Mr. Sherman poured out in the wonderful funeral sermon for the friend he had lost, was present at the meetings of the committee, and assisted in making the award.

With such profound sentiment attaching to the establishment of this chair, it was a weighty honor that the members decided to confer upon Dr. Wood. It is a man of great human sympathy such as Mr. Sherman possessed that is thus placed into this new dignity. He is the fair-open-minded arbiter of student scholastics and student problems, and is eminently fitted to perpetuate the name of "Sunny Jim" Sherman on this Hillside.

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Managerial Exams.

With the approach of the College elections, candidates for the Assistant Managership of Football will prepare for the examinations held under the auspices of the Executive Council, according to the policy adopted last spring. The examinations are intended primarily to assure the Manager that the candidates combine business-like efficiency with a willingness to work.

The system has undergone its preliminary test here, and was not a pronounced success, due to the failure of a Manager to give proper credit where it was due. In the present instance that complaint should not arise. The examination is not required to be a severe test, but it must be given its just proportion in the estimate which the Manager draws before he makes his recommendations of candidates. The Council, in passing the resolution, thought simply to reduce the danger of electing unbusiness-like managers into office and intended that the test should demand of the candidate proof that he understands the proper management of al' the affairs of the department.

The principle is sound. It reaches beyond the days of gum-buying and rub-downs and election upon a basis of physical enthusiasm, and goes to the safer ground of actual business test. It is presumable that any candidate can do fairly well at errand-running, but there may develop a distinction when it comes to handling the practical details of taking the Team on the road, providing for visiting teams, arrangement of schedules, securing officials, and other essentials of the Department. Here is where the Council stepped in. It has the right idea—only there must be no misunderstanding. The Manager, and this applies to all present and would-be Managers, must give due credit for the standing of the candidate in the exam.

HOLD STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Nineteen Men Have Captured Prizes Offered by State, Carrying $100

Reports on the University State Scholarships have been received for 19 Hamilton men. The scholarships are awarded annually by the State in each county on a basis of scholastic standing. They yield $100 annually for four years and can be used only in colleges of this State. Each county is awarded five for each assembly district in that county.

The successful competitors for State honors are: 1917, Ernest S. Griffith, Utica; Raymond J. Hood, Brooklyn; Frederic M. Miller, Jr., Utica; James D. Seaver, Brooklyn; Howard G. Stackhouse, Utica; 1918, Joseph DeSantis, New York; William W. Briggs, Bridgewater; Walter D. Bull, New Rochelle; Harold S. Dodge, Utica; Paul D. Hasbrouck, Poughkeepsie; James E. Manion, Ferndale; Thomas E. Roberts, New Hartford; Frederic G. Yeandle, New Hartford; 1919, Norman C. Giddings, Baldwinsville; C. Adidson Keeler, Binghamton; Leslie M. Pape, Utica; Roy Perkins, Ogdensburg; Albert H. Pierce, Flushing; D. LeRoy Shirley, Poughkeepsie.

—Getman '07 was elected Coroner of Otsego County at the recent election.

—Paul Baird '12, who is teaching in the High School at Greenwich, Ct., is planning to give an illustrated lecture on Hamilton College before the High School of that place about the middle of next month.

—Watson '08 is working in the law offices of Warfield & Duell, New York.

—Barber '10 is an attorney for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company in New York.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SPEAK

Bradley Fuller Has Invitation from Pres. Gardner of Y. M. C. A.

A list of probable speakers at the Sunday meetings in the Y. M. C. A. in the near future has been given out by Pres. Gardner. Mr. White, of Cornell University, secretary of the Cornell Y. M. C. A., will come here soon to give a talk on war conditions. He has recently returned from a stay of several months in France and Belgium. Dr. F. M. Davenport and Rev. Willard P. Soper '04, of Clinton, are to speake. Later in the year it is likely that Bradley Fuller, District Attorney of Oneida County, will be one of the speakers.

Plans for the Y. M. C. A. evangelistic week, February 13-20th, are now almost completed altho final particulars are not yet ready. A number of Alumni have definitely promised to be here at that time and address meetings. They will probably assist in personal work also. They are: Rev. Robert H. Wicks '04, Holyoke, Mass.; Judge R. C. S. Drummond '01, Auburn; Rev. Willard Soper '04, Clinton; Rev. Alexander Thompson '06, Westfield; Clancy Connell '12, New York City.

Last Tuesday Rev. W. H. Crothers, Dr. Cochran's secretary, who has charge of the arrangements, was on the Hill and had a conference with the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet and advisory committee. At that conference all the details of the plan were discussed A carefully planned series of meetings will be held and every effort made to stimulate interest in the College. An augmented choir will be one of the features of the meetings. Dr. Cochran's reputation will give great impetus to the local movement. Rev. Crothers has completed an outline of the plans for the meetings. No further efforts will be made for securing more Alumni assistance, as the present number is considered sufficient.

PREX SPOKE AT JOHNSTOWN

Dr. Stryker and George E. Dunham '79 adressed the members of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Johnstown last Friday evening. The occasion was the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the church. In discussing the meeting the Gloversville Leader-Republican speaks of Dr. Stryker as one of the three or four most eminent orators in the state.

LECTURE BY MRS. SAUNDERS

Spoke on "Dean Swift" at New Century Auditorium

Mrs. Arthur P. Saunders, of College Hill, began a series of four Engliterature lectures at the New Century Auditorium in Utica Tuesday evening, speaking on "Dean Swift." Mrs. Sauders was formerly lecturer of English literature at Cornell University. The Utica course is entitled 'Four Eighteenth Century Portraits.' The next lecture is on "Dr. Johnson." Other lectures will be given December 7th and 14th, on "Field-courseing" and "Burke," respectively. The ticket for the course is $2.

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The Fac. sez the Spice coluym lately has been a joke.
Dangerous declaration, we hiss back

When the Band wuz on th' firin' line, t'other day, someone yells to Charles of the Biz. Men's Royal Hoss Distillery, "Blow yer horn." True to native instinct, Chas. takes out his bandana and blows it.

Bill Marsh: "When you have finished your speech, bow gracefully and leav ethe platform on tip-toe."
Freshman: "Why on tip-toe?"
Bill: "So as not to wake the audience."

Pool of water,
Little Frosh;
Soph'more pushes him—
Frosh wash.

Bill Squires (at lecture to Utica School Teachers): "Now, we're all women here together."

Sez Supe: "They tell me one of the most inspiring things in the present war is to hear the French pheasants sing the mayonaise."

Prex went over to see Billy Sunday Monday and Schnitzie Sunday.

Since Penn. went to Pa., Tom has trouble in deciding whether he is this Orr that . (Double joke)

It was midnight. "Wow-wow-wow-wow-wow!" wailed the baby.
"Four bals and a walk," said the baseball player husband as he picked up the burden.

In Debate Class

Cal: "Now if I get two big wooden boxes by freight, and I open one and find that there is a desk in it; and if the other box is of the same size and shape, may I not reasonably assume that the other box also contains a desk? Shall I ascertain this by argument from analogy or by some other argumentative scheme?"
(Disgusted voice from background) Aw, use an axe!

A Batch o' Lore

"The skatin' rink is now complete,"
Said Bosty to his mates.
Then Chub chimed in, amid the din:
"Now Rocks can use his skates."

"Well, 'pon my word," said Hank to Al;
"I think that's very nice."
We'll sing a song, and sail along
Till Super breaks the ice."

The superman he up a' spake:
"Of skatin' I'm not fond.
My time I'll bide, off on the side,
I'll have my slidin' pond."

Soph: "You want to keep your eyes open around here today.
Frosh (thinking of Soph banquet): "What for?"
Junior: "Because people will think you a darn fool if you go around with them shut."

Mr. and Mrs. Foote were the guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Kneecap. —Utica Press.

SKATING RINK READY; CALL FOR JACK FROST

Contractor Dawes Finished Work in Record Time.—Measures 90x160. Water Let in Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day saw the completion of the $350 skating rink, when Bursar Coughlin opened the gate from the "Frog Pond" to send the water into the new excavation. Within a half hour the entire surface, measuring exactly 90 by 160 feet, on the inside, was flooded. First ice formed overnight, altho only about one-eighth of an inch thick. Contractor Dawes finished the work inside of two weeks, and went beyond expectations when he was able to make the rink rectangular, which was not the plan at first on account of the slope of the land just west of the athletic field.

The embankment which encloses the new pond ranges from two to six feet in height, giving a depth to the water of from five inches to four feet, and still allowing for frequent floodings after the ice has been roughened. Official skating rinks measure 58 by 112 feet at the minimum, and the new ice space will give ample room for both hockey playing and straight "spinning." Mr. Coughlin will have charge of the rink, and promises to keep it in good shape. He will flood it as often as necessary and scrape the ice after snowfall.

Work upon the job has been speedy and accelerated by the fact that only four or five inches of surface dirt had to be removed to get to clay bottom. Three lock-faucets set in concrete and tile provide for the regulation of the water supply. The water is let in by a sluice from the bottom of the "Frog Pond," and runs out of the rink by another sluice. A spillway and ditch leading to the Glen provide for the emergency of too much water in the old pond.

17 MEN COMPETING IN DEBATE TRIALS

Profs. Lewis and Marsh Will Pick Junior and Sophomore Teams

The successful candidates for positions on the Junior and Sophomore Debate Teams will be picked by Profs. Lewis and Marsh during the week. Seventeen men have reported for the trials. The proposition on which these trials will rest is the Intercollegiate question, "Resolved, That the Garrison Plan of reorganizing the military system of the U. S. should be adopted." Each man is to be allowed a six-minute advance speech without rebuttal, but the time may vary according to the number of men that report at the trials. No restriction is placed upon choice of side or argument.

The debate will take place December 20th, all owing the successful candidates nearly three weeks to prepare. The following men have reported as candidates: From the Junior class, Dayton, Griffith, J. Jones, Moore, Lyon, Pohl, Tallmadge, Squires, Truax, Young. From the Sophomores, Flesh, Jessup, Lowell, Ludlow, Peck, Timmerman, Woods.

—Rariden '19 has left College on account of ill health.

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DR. F. H. WOOD ELECTED TO SHERMAN CHAIR

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not yet been announced, but it is known that many of Mr. Sherman's friends in Congress were influential in the matter. It was thru Congressman Lucius N. Littauer, of Little Falls, that the announcement was made in June by President Stryker. Congressman W. B. McKinley, of Illinois, Elihu Root, and Trustees of the College, are known to have contributed.

A meeting of the special committee will probably be held early in April to fill the vacancy in the P. V. Rogers chair.

—Crothers ex-'15 is in the automobile business in Phelps.

—Benedict '06 is manager of the Rochester Division of the Bell Telephone Company.

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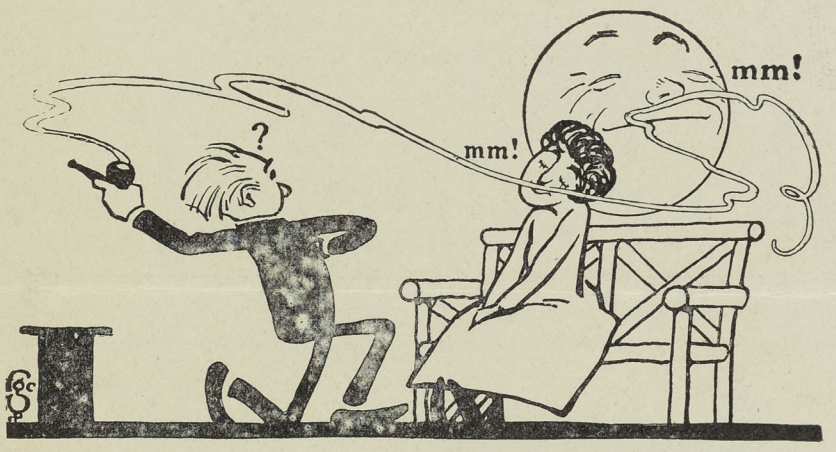

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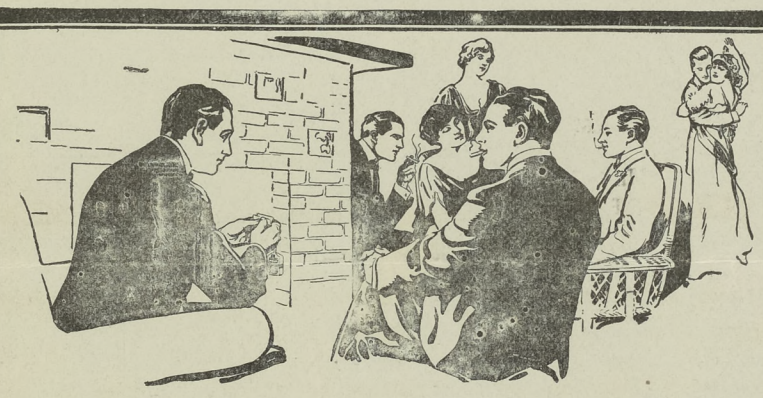

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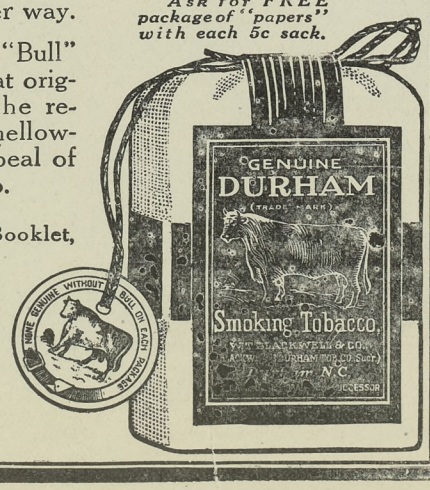

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BIG SAVING IN FOOTBALL DEPT.

Mgr. Nichols Makes Report Showing Saving of Nearly $400

Nearly $400 has been saved by the Football department under Manager Nichols this season. His report made to the Executive Council Monday shows a deficit of only $1329.43 against one of $1723.46 in the 1914 season. Indications are that Treasurer Frank H. Ristine's report at the coming College meeting will reveal a saving of about $500 for the Baseball and Football departments.

The reduction in this season's Football deficit was brought by an increase in revenue from admission at games of $213.25 over 1914, and an increase of guarantees yielding $175 more profit than in 1914. Manager Nichols took in $611 for admissions and received $550 from guarantees. The total receipts for the two seasons follow:

Receipts	1914	1915
Admissions	$379.75	$611
Guarantees	$375.00	$550

The apportionment voted for Football by the Council, based on manager's estimates, was in 1914, $2732.20, and this season only $2512.15. The total expenses for the two years show a $6 increase of 1915 over 1914. The figures: 1914, $2484.21; 1915, $2490.43

In Manager Nichols' report are some interesting figures of detailed expenditures. The chief item is that of Coach, $700. Guarantees are next at $550, railroad fares and officials follow at $306.40 and $255.80, and other items are these: uniforms, $194.69; apparatus, $56.60; supplies, $42.32; hotel, $134.50; training table, $58.550; livery, $48.50; printing, $24.

REYNOLDS NOT YET SIGNED

Whitcombe Expects to See Him Soon —Schedule to Follow 1915's

Football Manager Whitcombe has not yet completed his schedule for 1916, but expects to have Clarkson, St. Stephens, St. Lawrence, Rochester and Union on the list. Negotiations with Hobart and R. P. I. are still pending. Alfred University is trying for a date in Auburn on Election Day, but it is not considered likely that the game will be scheduled. The management is desirous of taking on Stevens Tech., but nothing definite is yet known about the prospects. Captain Dayton and Manager Whitcombe have not yet gone to Syracuse to close the arrangemnts with Coach Reynolds.

WANT TO PLAY IN LEAGUE

The neutral body has expressed a desire to be represented in the Interfraternity Basketball games this season, and Manager Truax has promised to alter the basketball schedule to include their 8 games after the Christmas recess.

—About twenty Freshmen spent Thursday evening with Professor and Mrs. Hastings.

Frosh Stole Away to Turkey Feed While Sophs Blinked in Amaze

First-Year Men, Aided by Four Autos, Sped Into Utica for Initial Feed Wednesday Night on Minute's Notice—Sophs Thrown Completely Off Guard.

Fond farewells tinged with all the cheer of Thanksgiving, extended to their innocent friends of 1918, were responsible for the most successful getaway that a Freshman class has perpetrated since the fall of 1912, when at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening the men of 1919 hied into Utica for their initial Class Dinner.

Stayed to Play Cards

Sophs who dumbly watched them leave the Hill presumed that Frosh was going home for Thanksgiving or to a Utica show. One nonchalant 1919er played cards with his Soph friends till 10 o'clock, then walked down the Hill to a car. It was a marvelous getaway, and rumor has it that the Sophs still are trying to dope out how it all hapened.

With all lights extinguished five ghostly motors invaded the Hill Wednesday night stationing near the Dean's, the Deke and the D. U. houses and were soon filled with a hilariuos gang of Frosh. Then came the successful elopement to the Italian room of Hotel Utica. Brushing aside a few Sophs who barred their way at the hotel, Frosh ascended to their banquet room and at 11.45, with not a single member captured, began a savage attack on the feast.

Then Came the Speeches

The first orator called by President Ferguson was Paul Hamlin, who warmed up to the subject, "Alma Mater." Perkins unburdened a futile discourse by expounding to the surprised assemblage on the virtues of the Faculty. On the theme, "1919," Harold H. Reed asserted, with renewed vigor, that what the class lacked in quantity they made up in quality and covinced his hearers. McLean described "Feetball," as accurately as possible quoting from the Sophomore-Freshman football game. Pardee indulged in some fancy prophecies about the class future. Stone failed to perceive that the subject, "Something Foolish," referred to himself and so opened up on his hearers with a few transient jokes. The last speaker was Ogden, who cited as an incident of "Pep" the spirit the class had shown that night.

Were Dipped in the Damp

The banqueters dispersed at 2.30, and a few-to-be-commiserated ones elected to return to the Hill in a car. There they met with an indelicate reception at the hands of Sophs who were laying in wait for Ferguson. He had remained in town, however, and the disappointed ambushers were forced to turn to humbler meat. therefore initiated by them to the icy mysteries of the swimming pool.

The committee to which the success of the banquet was due was composed of the following: Harold H. Reed, chairman; Roy Perkins, Bradley Ogden, Waldron Stone, Kenneth Morrow, Paul Hamlin, William Welsh, William McLean.

HARDEN SURFACE OF COURTS

Bursar Coughlin plans to make several improvements on the Tennis Courts, when possible, to put them in first-class condition next spring. He has conferred with Mr. White, caretaker of the Yahnundasis Golf Clubs, whose sugegstions will be carried out. All four courts will be given an application of calcium chlorate to harden the surface, and will then be thoroly rolled. No further improvements are thought necessary.

SCOON WEDDED AT PRINCETON

Princeton, J. J. was the scene of a notable wedding last Tuesday when Miss Elizabeth Grier Hibben, daughter of Dr. John Grier Hibben, President of Princeton University, became the bride of Robert Maxwell Scoon '07, who is a professor there. The wedding took place in the Marquand Chapel of the University. Dr. Francis L. Patten officiated..

Mr. Scoon was graduated from Hamilton in 1907 and soon after received his appointment as Rhodes Scholar.

OPENING GAME OF INDOOR SERIES LAST NIGHT

Sig-D. U. Game Starts Year's Activities in Gym. Alpha Delt-Chi Psi Postponed

Soper Gym was the center of attraction last night when the Sig.-D. U. conflict opened the 1915-16 Basketball season with this line-up:

Sig.: Pope rf, Parmelee lf, Jessup c, Bristol rg, Page lg.

D. U.: Behan rf, Pape lf, Bentley c, Griffith, '16, rg, Griffith, '18, lg.

On Dec. 2 four more crowds will be paired off for the second set of games of the basketball league. The Emersonians will go up against the Theta Delts, and the Dekes against the Psi U's.

The Emersonians have a strong team with four of last year's five: Daniels, Miller, Fulton and Butts, and Powers and Bratton, two new men of good caliber. They will probably line up as follows: Powers, Fulton f, Butts c, Daniels, Miller g.

The Theta Delts still have their old team, made up of the Gows, Paige, Getman and Pendleton, and have in addition Morrow, a Freshman who has showed up very well.

The Dekes are aided by a number of good Freshman players. They will probably take the floor with Donohue and Donoghue as guards, Brockway as center, and Aldrich and McLouth as forwards.

The Psi U's have a veteran team which will probably enter the game without any changes, with Weed, Shields, Calkins, Russell, Fursman.

MUST FORM A BOWLING CLUB

With a Minimum Membership of 20 Men, if Repairs are to be Made

Steward Palmer will not take over the management of the Bowling Alleys, owing to the recent ruling of Pres. Stryker that a club must be formed as in other years with a minimum membership of 20 men. The Steward wished to open the alleys to the entire College, and said that he wanted to make some necessary improvements.

Bursar Coughlin says that repairs wil probably be made if the club is formed. As in other years, it is proposed to charge a membership fee of $1, and an additional charge of five cents a game. No effort has yet been made to form the club.

PROF. LEWIS AT ROCHESTER

Prof. C. L. Lewis delivered an address on "Material for Thought" at the convention of the New York Teachers Association held in Rochester Thursday. His topic dealt with a statement of results obtained in teaching oral English thru the use of current magazines.

—Grant ex-'18 is working in his uncle's glove factory at Johnstown. He has fully regained his health and expects to enter up with '19 at mid-years.